

## **COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA**

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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: L. RICHARD MARTIN, JR.

Virginia Department of Social Services

**FROM:** ALLEN T. WILSON

Assistant Attorney General

**DATE:** November 4, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Final Regulation 22 VAC 40-141-10 et seq.

Licensing Standards for Independent Foster Homes

I have reviewed the attached final regulation to determine if the State Board of Social Services ("State Board") has the statutory authority to promulgate the final regulation and if this action by the State Board is exempt from the Administrative Process Act (APA).

It appears that the State Board has the authority to promulgate the proposed regulation, subject to compliance with the provisions of Article 2 of the APA, and has not exceeded that authority. The changes to the regulation consist only of changes in style or form. Pursuant to § 2.2-4006(A)(3) of the Virginia Code, this action by the Board is exempt from the requirements of the APA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 786-0095.

Attachment